



FIRST SUNDAY

OF LENT

CHORAL EUCHARIST

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**ST BRIDE'S
CHURCH**

Opening Sentence

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan, and was led by the Spirit for forty days in the wilderness, tempted by the devil.

Hymn

**Forty days and forty nights
thou wast fasting in the wild;
forty days and forty nights
tempted, and yet undefiled:**

**Sunbeams scorching all the day;
chilly dew-drops nightly shed;
prowling beasts about thy way;
stones thy pillow, earth thy bed.**

**Shall we not thy sorrows share,
and from earthly joys abstain,
fasting with unceasing prayer,
glad with thee to suffer pain?**

**And if Satan, vexing sore,
flesh or spirit should assail,
thou, his vanquisher before,
grant we may not faint nor fail.**

**So shall we have peace divine;
holier gladness ours shall be;
round us too shall angels shine,
such as ministered to thee.**

**Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,
ever constant by thy side;
that with thee we may appear
at the eternal Eastertide.**

Tune: Aus Der Tiefe by M Herbst 1654-81
Words: G H Smyttan 1822-70 and F Pott 1832-1909

Minister The Lord be with you,
All and also with you.

Welcome

Prayer of Preparation

**All Almighty God,
 to whom all hearts are open,
 all desires known,
 and from whom no secrets are hidden:
 cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
 by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
 that we may perfectly love you,
 and worthily magnify your holy name;
 through Christ our Lord.
 Amen.**

Prayer of Penitence

Minister *The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit.
 A broken and contrite heart God will not despise.
 Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,
 and acknowledge our transgressions
 in penitence and faith.*

**All Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
 we have sinned against you
 and against our neighbour
 in thought and word and deed,
 through negligence, through weakness,
 through our own deliberate fault.
 We are truly sorry
 and repent of all our sins.
 For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
 who died for us,
 forgive us all that is past
 and grant that we may serve you
 in newness of life to the glory of your name.
 Amen.**

Kyrie

Missa brevis – William Walton

Choir

Kyrie eleison.

Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Absolution

Minister Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
 have mercy upon you,
 pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
 confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
 and keep you in life eternal;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Collect

Minister *Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ
 fasted forty days in the wilderness,
 and was tempted as we are,
 yet without sin:
 give us grace to discipline ourselves
 in obedience to your Spirit;
 and, as you know our weakness,
 so may we know your power to save;
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.*

All Amen.

First Reading

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

read by Nick Baldock

When you come into the land which the Lord your God gives you for an inheritance, and have taken possession of it, and live in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground,

which you harvest from your land that the Lord your God gives you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place which the Lord your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'I declare this day to the Lord your God that I have come into the land which the Lord swore to our fathers to give us.' Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand, and set it down before the altar of the Lord your God.

And you shall make response before the Lord your God, 'A wandering Aramean was my father; and he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number; and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. And the Egyptians treated us harshly, and afflicted us, and laid upon us hard bondage. Then we cried to the Lord the God of our fathers, and the Lord heard our voice, and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror, with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which thou, O Lord, hast given me.' And you shall set it down before the Lord your God, and worship before the Lord your God; and you shall rejoice in all the good which the Lord your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.

This is the word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

Canticle

Benedicite in G – Francis Jackson

Choir

*O all ye works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.*

*O ye angels of the Lord,
O ye Heavens, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.*

*O ye waters that be above the firmament,
O all ye Powers of the Lord, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.*

*O ye sun and moon,
O ye stars of heaven, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.*

*O ye showers and dew, O ye winds of God,
O ye fire and heat, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.*

*O ye winter and summer, O ye dews and frosts,
O ye frost and cold, O ye ice and snow,
bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.*

*O ye nights and days, O ye light and darkness,
O ye lightnings and clouds, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.*

*O let the Earth bless the Lord :
yea, let it praise him, and magnify him for ever.*

*O ye mountains and hills,
O all ye green things upon the earth,
O ye wells, O ye seas and floods, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.*

*O ye whales, and all that move in the waters,
O all ye fowls of the air, O all ye beasts and cattle,
O ye children of men, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.*

*O let Israel bless the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.*

*O ye priests of the Lord,
O ye servants of the Lord, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.*

*O ye spirits and souls of the righteous,
O ye holy and humble men of heart,
bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.*

*O Ananias, Azarias and Misael, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.*

Second Reading

Romans 10: 8b-13

read by Rachel Chapman

What does scripture say? The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart (that is, the word of faith which we preach); because, if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For man believes with his heart and so is justified, and he confesses with his lips and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and bestows his riches upon all who call upon him. For, “every one who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved.”

All This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn

**Father of heaven, whose love profound
a ransom for our souls hath found,
before thy throne we sinners bend,
to us thy pardoning love extend.**

**Almighty Son, incarnate Word,
our Prophet, Priest, Redeemer, Lord,
before thy throne we sinners bend,
to us thy saving grace extend.**

**Eternal Spirit, by whose breath
the soul is raised from sin and death,
before thy throne we sinners bend,
to us thy quickening power extend.**

**Thrice Holy! Father, Spirit, Son;
mysterious Godhead, Three in One,
before thy throne we sinners bend,
grace, pardon, life to us extend.**

Tune: Rivaulx. J B Dykes 1823–76
Words: E Cooper 1770–1833

Gospel Reading

Reader Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 according to Luke.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Luke 4: 1-13

read by The Revd Dr Jeff Lake

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan, and was led by the Spirit for forty days in the wilderness, tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing in those days; and when they were ended, he was hungry. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’” And the devil took him up, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, and said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory; for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. If you, then, will worship me, it shall all be yours.”

And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.’”

And he took him to Jerusalem, and set him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here; for it is written, ‘He will give his angels charge of you, to guard you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.’”

And Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘You shall not tempt the Lord your God.’” And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

The Revd Canon Dr Alison Joyce, *Rector of St Bride's*

Creed

All

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

led by Julie Glaser

These responses may be used

All Lord, for the years,
we give you thanks.

All Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The Peace

Minister *Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us access to his grace.*

All The peace of the Lord be always with you,
and also with you.

Preparation of the Table

Hymn

**Just as I am, without one plea
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidst me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am, thy love unknown
has broken every barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am, of that free love
the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
here for a season, then above,
O Lamb of God, I come.**

Tune: Saffron Walden by A H Brown 1830–1926
Words: C Elliott 1789–1871

Minister Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Minister Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become our spiritual drink.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Eucharistic Prayer

Minister The Lord be with you,
All **and also with you.**

Minister Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Minister Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Minister Let us pray.

Minister It is indeed right,
 it is our duty and our joy,
 at all times and in all places
 to give you thanks and praise,
 holy Father, heavenly King,
 almighty and eternal God,
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

*And now we give you thanks
because you give us the spirit of discipline,
that we may triumph over evil and grow in grace,
as we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery
with mind and heart renewed.*

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

Sanctus and Benedictus

Missa Brevis – William Walton

Choir

Holy, holy, holy,

Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Consecration

Minister Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
 through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
 and as we follow his example
 and obey his command,
 grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
 these gifts of bread and wine
 may be to us his body and his blood;

Who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup
and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection
and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of his kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Minister Great is the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Minister Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love,
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise.

**All Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Minister Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**All Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Minister We break this bread to share in the body of Christ:

**All Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Giving of Communion

Minister Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

**All We do not presume
to come to this your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.**

**We are not worthy so much as to
gather up the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies
may be made clean by his body
and our souls washed
through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him,
and he in us. Amen.**

Anthem

Remember not, Lord, our offences – Henry Purcell

*Remember not, Lord, our offences,
nor th' offences of our forefathers;
neither take thou vengeance of our sins,
but spare us, good Lord.
Spare thy people, whom thou has redeem'd
with thy most precious blood,
and be not angry with us for ever.*

Words: Book of Common Prayer

Prayers after Communion

The minister leads the post communion prayer for the day

Minister Let us pray.

Minister *Lord God, you have renewed us
with the living bread from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith,
increase our hope, and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him
who is the true and living bread,
and enable us to live by every word
that proceeds from out of your mouth:
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

All Amen.

**All Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

Hymn

**Be thou my guardian and my guide,
and hear me when I call;
let not my slippery footsteps slide,
and hold me lest I fall.**

**The world, the flesh, and Satan dwell
around the path I tread;
O save me from the snares of hell,
thou quickener of the dead.**

**And if I tempted am to sin,
and outward things are strong,
do thou, O Lord, keep watch within,
and save my soul from wrong.**

**Still let me ever watch and pray,
and feel that I am frail;
that if the tempter cross my way,
yet he may not prevail.**

Tune: Abridge by I Smith 1734–1805
Words: I Williams 1802–65

Blessing

Minister *Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves, take up your cross,
and follow him.
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you now and always.*

All Amen.

Dismissal

Minister Go in the peace of Christ.
Choir *Thanks be to God.*

Organ Voluntary

Fugue on 'O Taurigkeit, O Herzeleid' – Ethel Smyth

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The singers, organist, and Director of Music are all freelance professional musicians who have been significantly affected during the pandemic, and your donations have allowed us to help them financially through these difficult times.

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